

HORACE TO VIRGIL.

ODE III. OF BOOK I.—AD VIRGILIUM.

"Sic te Diva, potens Cypris,"
May that lovely Goddess, the Cypris Queen,
And the brothers of Helen, that bright
goddess,
And from every foul wind may old Eolus
screen
Thy bark, for he rules all the winds in crea-
tion.

And O ship—that art trusted e'en now to
convey
My Virgil to Athens, the land of the
stranger,
Bring thy passenger home in all safety, I pray,
And save the best part of my being from
danger.

That man must have had a three-folded
heart
Of oak or of brass, who first tried naviga-
tion;
From the shelter of port who had courage to
part,
And to face a sou'-wester without consterna-
tion.

A wind that, when met by his foe the nor'east,
Lays about in a way that is perfectly frantic;
Lashes the waves till they're foaming like
yeast,
And rouses or soothes the uncertain Atlantic
gale.

What manner of death could that mariner
dread,
Who could look the sea-nake in the face
without winking;
Who could gaze on the breakers, with foam-
shivered head,
As they roared all around him, and dream not
of sinking?

In vain a wise Providence severed the lands,
And parted them round with the streams of
gold Ocean;
Since to ship-building men turned their impious
hands,
And would find, if they could, the Perpetual
Motion.

Mankind are in mischief a go-ahead race,
Forever inventing and hunting for evil;
From which I cite him in proof of my case,
Brought fire down to mortals, in league with
the Devil.

And ever since fire was brought down from the
skies,
Consumption and fevers have worried the
nations;
Man's life has grown short since the baking of
pies—
He has ruined his stomach by cooking his
ration.

Then Prometheus tried to make way through the
air,
Upon wings—a device not conceded to mor-
tals;
There is nothing too hard for a bold man to
do—
Since Hercules burst e'en through Acheron's
portal.

In our folly we try feats of daring and dread,
In aerial cars through the firmament driven;
We cut down the lightnings of Jove on our
head,
For our crimes try too sorely the patience of
Heaven.

GENERAL NOTES.

A girl's heroism saved a number of lives
near Louisville, Ky., a few days ago. A por-
tion of a picnic party went to the picnic
grounds in a covered furniture wagon, and
the driver having left his seat to fix some-
thing about the wagon, taking the precau-
tion to unhitch the horse on the side next a
steep bluff along which the road ran, the
horses, becoming frightened, started off, and
the wagon was rapidly nearing the bluff
when Nellie Johnson, a girl 14 years of age,
climbed to the driver's seat reached down
over the dashboard and secured the reins,
and by the exertion of all her strength
brought the team to a stand still.

At the recent teacher's meeting at Put-in-
Bay, Walter Smith read a paper on "Art
Education in Boston." Mr. Smith is art
master in the Boston schools, and in his es-
say, held that every human being can be
taught to draw successfully and well as to
anything else successfully. And he thought it
would be perfectly practicable for all chil-
dren everywhere in the schools to be taught
drawing. Drawing should not be forced. It
must be learned gradually, and the early
work of the child will be necessarily bad.
The first failures are graduates of future suc-
cess. No work should be done at high pres-
sure, and especially not drawing. The es-
sayist hoped that a teacher who shall have
developed and brought to some degree of
perfection a system of national art drawing.

The United States Mint at San Francisco
having closed for the yearly settlement, the
Alta California of that city publishes the
coinage statistics for the past year. The gold
coinage for the year was \$2,302,500, as fol-
lows: Double eagles, \$21,960,000; eagles,
\$120,000; half eagles, \$155,000; quarter-
eagles, \$67,000. The silver coinage was \$2,550,-
500, as follows: Trade dollars, \$2,121,000;
half-dollars, \$211,000; quarters, \$120,000;
dimes, \$9,500. The pieces coined during the
year were 4,570,051.88 ounces in silver, 1,
098,000 double eagles, 22,000 eagles, 31,000
half-eagles and 27,000 quarter eagles. Silver,
2,121,000 trade dollars, 482,000 half-dollars,
516,000 quarters, and 595,000 dimes. The
coiner worked 2,170,113.90 ounces in gold
ingots, and 4,570,051.88 ounces in silver in-
gots, equal to 47 tons of gold and 140 tons of
silver.

A dispatch from Harrisburg says that on
the afternoon of the 4th inst., two storms
met in the vicinity of Lewistown, the result
of which was a tornado attended with the
loss of five lives, and the destruction of
property valued at about \$150,000. The storm,
which traversed an area of about eight miles
wide, hurried from the piers and broke into
fragments a substantial, four span railroad
and wagon bridge, which spanned the
Junata river at Lewistown. Two boys who
had gone for protection from the rain into
the bridge were killed, and four seriously
injured. 300 yards distant a portion of a new
turnpike was demolished, and three boys
crushed amid the wreck and one seriously
hurt. The building was damaged to the
amount of \$20,000. On the Pennsylvania
railroad, two engines and four passenger cars,
moving toward stock cars were lifted from
the track and thrown over an embankment,
badly wounding a fireman who had gone
into one of the cars. In the belt of country
through which the storm passed, fences were
blown down, trees snapped asunder and
uprooted, houses and barns unroofed, build-
ings dislodged, cable ends crushed in, orchards
laid waste and crops ruined.

A correspondent of the Hartford Courant
writes thus of the "crackers" of Florida:
The crackers are a class by themselves, and
to a considerable extent are governed by
their own well understood but unwritten
laws. To some extent they resemble the
patriarchs of old, inasmuch as their prop-
erty consists mainly in their stock, and no
county has any attractions for them which
they do not afford a good range for their cattle.
They "squat" down in the pine woods with-
out stopping to inquire whether the land
belongs to the general government, the
state, or to individuals, and erect a log
cabin which is not much more than a pen
made of pine poles matched together at the
corners and covered with unshaven shingles
from a pine tree. Of course, they have no
schools and no education—even the itinerant
Methodist preacher does not find them; but
still they are kindly, inoffensive people who
would share their corner of their cabin with
a stranger and give him the best of the house
afforded. They cook, eat, drink, and sleep,
children and strangers, and still unchange-
d conduct or lastly is seldom known
among them. There are different grades of
wealth and standing among them as with
other people. Many of them are very poor,
while some own from thirty to forty thou-
sand head of cattle.

A COMETARY PROJECT.

MARK TWAIN'S SUMMER TOUR.

THE LEASING OF COGGIA'S COMET FOR A TERM
OF YEARS—HER PROPOSED CELESTIAL TRIP
—THE OUTFIT AND ALL NEEDED INFOR-
MATION—THE ROUND TRIP AND ITS ENJOY-
MENT.

The New York Herald contains a remark-
able letter from Mark Twain, in which he
proposes one of the boldest journeys known
to modern civilization: This is to inform
the public that in connection with Mr. Bar-
num I have leased the comet for a term of
years, and I desire also to solicit the public
patronage in favor of a beneficial enterprise
which we have in view. We propose to fit
up comfortable, and even luxurious, accom-
modations in the comet for as many people
as will honor us with their patronage, and
make an extended excursion among the
heavenly bodies. We shall prepare 1,000,000
state-rooms in the tail of the comet (with
hot and cold water, gas, looking-glass, par-
achute, umbrella, etc., in each), and shall
construct more if we meet with a sufficiently
generous encouragement. We shall have
billiard-rooms, card-rooms, music-rooms,
bowling alleys, and many spacious theaters
and free libraries; and on the main deck we
propose to have a driving park with upward
of 10,000 miles of railway in it. We shall
publish daily newspapers also. The comet
will leave New York at 10 P. M. on the 20th
instant, and therefore it will be desirable
that the passengers be on board by 8 at the
latest, to avoid confusion in getting in and
out of the comet. It is not known whether
passports will be necessary or not,
but it is deemed best that passengers
provide them, and so guard against all con-
tingencies. No dogs will be allowed on
board. This rule has been made in de-
ference to the existing state of feeling regard-
ing these animals, and will be strictly ad-
hered to. The safety of the passengers will
in all ways be jealously looked to. A sub-
stantial iron railing will be put all around
the comet, and no one will be allowed to go
to the edge and look over unless accompa-
nied by either my partner or myself.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

will be of the completest character. Of
course the telegraph, and the telegraph only,
will be employed, consequently friends oc-
cupying state-rooms 20,000,000 and even 30,-
000,000 miles apart will be able to send a
message and receive a reply inside of eleven
days. Night messages will be half rate.
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under the personal superintendence of Mr.
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Meals served in state-rooms charged extra.
Hostility is not apprehended from any
great planet, but we have thought it best
to err on the safe side, and therefore have
provided a proper number of mortars, sledge
guns and boarding-pikes. History shows
that small, isolated communities, such as the
people of remote islands, are prone to be hos-
tile to strangers, and so the same may be
the case with the inhabitants of stars of
the tenth or twentieth magnitude. We
shall fix stars will be respected by us, but
of any star, but shall treat all alike
with urbanity and kindness, never con-
ducting ourselves toward an asteroid after
a fashion which we could not venture to
assume toward Jupiter or Saturn. I re-
peat, that we shall not wantonly offend the
any star; but at the same time we shall
promptly resent any injury that may be done
us, or any insolence offered us, by
parties or governments residing in any star
in the firmament. Although adverse to the
shedding of blood, we shall still hold this
course rigidly and fearlessly, not only to-
ward single stars, but toward constellations.
We shall hope to leave a good impression of
America behind us in every nation we visit,
from Venus to Uranus. And, at all events,
if we cannot inspire love, we shall at least
compel respect for our country wherever we
go. We shall take with us, free of charge,
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and shed the true light upon all the celest-
rial orbs, which, physically aglow, are yet
morally in darkness. Sunday-schools will
be established wherever practicable. Com-
pulsory education will also be introduced.
The comet will visit Mars first and then
proceed to Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and
Saturn. Parties connected with the govern-
ment of the District of Columbia and
with the former city government of New
York, who may desire to inspect the
rings, will be allowed time and every fac-
ility. Every star of prominent magnitude
will be visited, and time allowed for ex-
cursions to points of interests inland.
The dog star has been stricken from the
programme. Much time will be spent in
the Great Bear, and, indeed, in every con-
stellation of importance. So, also, with the
sun, moon and the Milky Way, otherwise the
glut stream of the skies. Clothing suitable for
wear in the sun should be provided. Our
programme has been so arranged that we
shall seldom go more than one million
of miles at a time without stopping at
some star. This will necessarily make the
stoppages frequent and preserve the inter-
est of the tourist. Baggage checked through
to any point on the route. Parties desiring
to make only a part of the proposed tour,
and thus save expense, may stop over at any
of the principal planets, on the route, will
be charged at the low rate of \$2 for every
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duction will be made where parties wish to
make the round trip. This comet is new and
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the line. She makes 29,000,000 miles an hour
with her present facilities, but with a picked
American crew and good weather we are
confident we can get 40,000,000 out of her.
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speed, and we shall rigidly prohibit racing
with other comets. Passengers desiring to
diverge at any point, or return, will be
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